

**METHOD FOR REMOTELY VERIFYING SOFTWARE INTEGRITY****ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5 A method of verifying the integrity of software resident on a remote network appliance is disclosed. The method includes providing a secure hash algorithm coupled with a seed value that may be employed by a network host to verify the integrity of the software associated with one or more network appliances.

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